

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2006

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE IN MONITORING TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS IN WEST LOUISVILLE.

Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mary Woolridge

WHEREAS, the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet (the Cabinet) is charged by KRS Chapter 224 with protecting and enhancing air quality within the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Cabinet has provided \$150,000 annually to the University of Louisville (U of L) to support the West Jefferson County Community Task Force (WJCCTF) and to operate an air toxics monitoring network in west Louisville; and

WHEREAS, the WJCCTF, composed of representatives of the community, industry, and local government, has played a key role in identifying concerns of the west Louisville community and recommending steps to be taken to address air toxics in west Louisville; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendations of the WJCCTF, U of L and the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District (the District) conducted the West Louisville Air Toxics Study (WLATS) in 2000 and 2001; and

WHEREAS, data from the WLATS was analyzed in a risk assessment which identified 17 toxic chemicals that were monitored at levels representing a cancer risk of greater than one in one million and one chemical with an unacceptable non-cancer risk; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a county-by-county *Air Toxics Relative Risk Screening Analysis* that identified Jefferson County as having the highest potential adverse impact from air toxics of the 736 counties in the eight southeast states; and

WHEREAS, in response to concerns raised by EPA and the WLATS, and voiced by the WJCCTF, the District has begun to implement a comprehensive program (the STAR program) to reduce toxic air contaminants in west Louisville and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, U of L has continued to operate the monitoring network and an updated Risk Assessment is currently being prepared to include data collected through 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to the success of the STAR program that the District and the public continue to have up-to-date information about the level of air toxins in west Louisville; and

WHEREAS, the WJCCTF has been an integral part of the process of keeping the citizens of west Louisville informed regarding the presence of air toxins in their community and identifying the steps to be taken to address them.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council urges the Cabinet to continue funding the work of the WJCCTF and U of L, so that they may continue the important work of monitoring toxic air contaminants in west Louisville and keeping the community informed and involved in the process of addressing them.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Kevin J. Kramer
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Irv Maze
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____